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a retaining member connected with the insulating member around said open end of said hole portion for retaining said contact therein.

10. (Currently Amended) A socket for electrical parts comprising:

a mounting portion for detachably mounting an electrical part provided with a plurality of connection terminals arranged on a surface thereof; and

a contact unit that electrically connects the connection terminals of said electrical part mounted on said mounting portion and contact electrodes of a circuit board facing said electrical part; using a connecting device housed in a hole portion formed in at least one surface of an insulating member, wherein said connecting device comprises:

a contact which is pressed to engage at least one of the connection terminals of said electrical part for electrical connection therewith;

a stationary, cylindrical conductive member provided on an inner circumferential surface of said hole portion to electrically connect said contact with said circuit board; and

a resilient member which urges said contact outwardly relative to said conductive member to protrude partially from said hole portion at an open end of said conductive member, said resilient member being deformed due to the urging of the contact to impart a rotational force on said contact around a contact point between said contact and said connection terminal engaged therewith; and

a retaining member connected with said insulating member around said open end of said hole portion conductive member for retaining said contact therein within said hole portion independent of said conductive member.

11. (Previously Presented) A socket for electrical parts according to claim 10, wherein said contact is formed with a cavity for receiving the connection terminal of said connection object, in an end surface thereof at which said contact is in contact with said connection terminal, and at least one projection is provided on a rim of said cavity.

12. (Previously Presented) A socket for electrical parts according to claim 11, wherein an inner surface of said cavity is formed as an inclined surface inclined inwards from a rim thereof.